

# GEM

## Inner Magnetosphere Storms Campaign

# Goals and Strategy

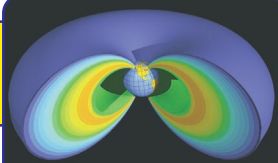
## Overall Goal

Specification of the *scope* of and *requirements* for an Inner Magnetosphere Module for the GGCM

We anticipate that the IM-Module will be composed of a set of coupled and/or interdependent models which supplement the GGCM spine

## Strategy

- 1) Identify key physics issues
- 2) Conduct individual observational and theoretical studies of key issues
- 3) Test knowledge and models against selected storm events
- 4) Extend to new events to test specific processes
- 5) Make reduced models and/or detailed outputs widely available
- 6) Couple sets of models in hierarchical and/or interdependent modes



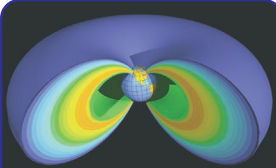
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## WG2: Radiation Belts

### Three Principal Objectives

- 1) To evaluate the relative contribution of various proposed acceleration and loss processes through theory, modeling, and comparison with data
- 2) To create time-dependent phase space density profiles of the radiation belts that will more accurately represent their structure and dynamics than fixed energy profiles
- 3) To define and specify the specific requirements for a Radiation Belt module

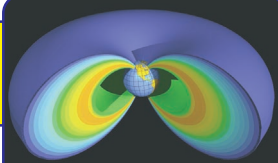


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## Specific Requirements for RB Module

- Develop a phenomenological description for the “common elements” of radiation belt events  
e.g. Dst effect,  
phase space density gradients,  
spectral evolution,  
flux characteristics at 6.6 vs. 4.2, etc.
- Define the range of variation that needs to be explained  
e.g. different penetration depth of RB particles,  
taxonomy of different “classes” of events
- Document to the extent possible the causes or potential causes for each characteristic and/or variation  
e.g. shock acceleration present in some events
- Could form the basis for a “Challenge” for models and theory

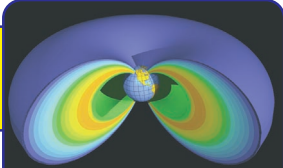


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## Accomplishments

- Publications
  - At least 6 papers submitted
  - Three Theses completed (Elkington, Kim, Goldstein)
- Several new observational studies of phase space density
  - Directly addresses goal 2 of the WG2
  - Brings Theory and Observations much closer together
  - some questions still outstanding (e.g. possible peak)
  - still need better B field information (e.g. Dst Effect)
- Very successful reproduction of Geosynchronous electron fluxes using only *fixed* solar wind input
- New developments in theoretical understanding of relativistic diffusion equations and wave/particle interactions

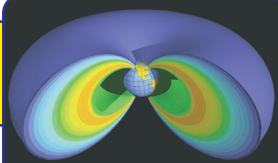


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## Action Items

- Develop a “Challenge” to be issued next summer
  - reproduce the common phenomenology of RB events and account for the variations seen from event to event
  - reproduce Space Weather metric (e.g. Geo Flux)  
possibly a NOAA space weather challenge instead
- Investigate a CEDAR-GEM-SHINE Yosemite meeting (Thorne)
- Invited speaker on wave/particle interactions and wave observations for the GEM storms for next summer (Chan)
- Investigate GRL Special Issue on GEM Storms. How much interest, when, etc. (Hudson & Kozyra?)



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## Actions or Tasks

- Develop and distribute magnetic field models for the GEM Campaign Storms in order to get better phase space densities and account for the Dst effect in observations (WG 1 & 2 collaboration)
- Determine the time dependent plasmapause locations for GEM storms to determine the effect on radiation belt characteristics and potential acceleration mechanisms (WG 1 & 2 collaboration)
- Theoretical comparison of effectiveness of different diffusive transport mechanisms (VLF, ULF, substorm, etc.)
- Assessment of solar wind parameters. Which are the crucial parameters (or combination of parameters)
- Develop better input boundary conditions for RB modeling. Investigate the importance of pre-existing conditions. What is the role of the “seed population” from substorms and/or shocks
- Develop and distribute a long-term (years) low-res ( $\approx 1$  day) database for statistical analysis of RB events (Reeves & Li)